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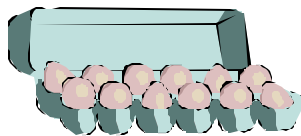
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere throughout the country, prices were mostly lower. The market tone ranged steady at best to weak. Demand was generally slow to no better than moderate, mostly fair, with winter weather occasionally stimulating additional consumer interest. Supplies were at least adequate to ample, however, the lighter weights were usually in the better position. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was often limited as dealers gauged market developments closely. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 8 cents lower for extra large, unchanged to 7 cents lower for large, and unchanged for mediums when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in New England. Trade sentiment was steady at best, as the market continued to test at present values. Demand was light to generally fair. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were ample to fully adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady at best. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at times, best into limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light. Some improvement noted this weekend due to winter weather conditions, however still short of needed movement. Supplies adequate to ample.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower for the larger sizes and 4-5 cents lower for mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with limited retail features. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers watched market conditions and worked from existing inventories. Floor stocks were usually closely balanced. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak, trade sentiment was often unsettled. Demand was generally fair to moderate, mostly fair, although enhanced at times where inclement weather stimulated consumer activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, and the larger sizes were usually in the longest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 21, 2000, was 1.58 cents less than the week before, and 22.42 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was only fair. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small in California; 8 cents lower on the large sizes, 5 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand only fair overall. Offerings generally ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	95-97	85-87	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	48-51
Philadelphia	55-60	53-58	47-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	42-43
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	40-45
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-51.5	43-50	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-64	56-59	49-53
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings generally ample. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 119.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	83
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	235-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	199-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 28, 2000 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 21, 2000 were 280,701 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	243,835	36,866	280,701
% change from the prior week.....	+23	+15	+22

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Breakers were watching current market developments and working from existing inventories. A fair amount of regularly committed product was coming in ahead of schedule. Floor stocks were usually closely balanced. Trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonally active for reduced but adequate offerings. Finished sales were usually good. Schedules for next week were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-10	10.62

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for reduced but usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8-10	10.03
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 24, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.4	9.1	5.7	10.4	8.7 40.3
	Change	0.9	-2.7	-1.4	0.3	1.5 -3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	30.7	9.8	22.1	19.5 107.2
	Change	-2.4	-8.1	-5.5	-3.7	-1.0 -16%
Large	Curr Wk	42.9	82.8	49.0	56.2	80.5 311.4
	Change	-5.6	-11.5	-0.6	-13.5	-5.8 -11%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.2	36.4	14.1	15.5	18.6 96.8
	Change	1.3	1.8	-1.0	0.2	0.6 3%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	5.0	1.6	3.3	5.7 21.7
	Change	2.2	-0.4	0.4	-1.0	2.3 19%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	17.6	6.4	12.2	5.9 47.1
	Change	-0.5	-7.6	-1.6	3.3	0.3 -11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.4	68.2	10.4	27.7	44.1 186.8
	Change	-4.7	2.6	-2.6	2.9	0.9 0%
Total	Curr Wk	134.1	249.8	97.0	147.4	183.0 811.3
Percent	Change	-6%	-9%	-11%	-7%	-1% -7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		

Shell Egg	811.3	-7%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	444.7	6%	40
Total Shell Egg	1256.0	-3%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS NOT AVAILABLE

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 21, 2000

CURRENT LOADS	31.25	FUTURE LOADS	8.75	TOTAL LOADS	40.00
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	30.00	37.17	31.00	33.00	32.00	—	13.50		GNR W 1	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	1.50		GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	.50	
GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	3.00		GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.80	1.25	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	1.25		GL W XL	—	35.00	—	—	40.00	43.33	3.50	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	35.00	—	.50		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	.50	
GL W LG	—	—	25.17	27.17	29.00	—	2.00		GL W MD	28.00	—	—	—	28.00	33.50	5.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	25.00	—	3.75		GL W SM	18.25	—	—	—	—	24.75	1.00	
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	22.50	—	—	1.00		NRBS - 39	16.33	18.33	—	—	—	—	3.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.00	27.00	—	—	2.50										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/15/00-01/21/00

CURRENT LOADS	100.75	FUTURE LOADS	31.25	TOTAL LOADS	132.00
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SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	33.00	35.10	33.13	34.64	32.00	—	31.50	GNR W 1	—	33.29	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	30.00	30.50	32.00	29.00	—	4.50	GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	28.00	22.29	24.00	11.00	GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	21.33	23.33	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	63.00	64.86	—	—	4.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.00	50.00	2.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	1.25	GL W XL	37.50	37.75	—	—	40.00	44.14	10.00
GL W XL	39.50	—	39.00	41.00	35.38	—	7.75	GL W LG	38.50	33.00	—	—	—	41.00	6.50
GL W LG	—	39.00	26.50	32.93	29.75	—	11.50	GL W MD	27.92	—	—	—	28.00	34.38	14.50
GL W MD	—	39.00	30.83	33.70	28.17	—	16.25	GL W SM	18.25	—	—	—	—	24.75	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	21.17	22.50	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	7.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	63.00	—	—	.50	NRBS - 39	16.33	18.33	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL BR MD	—	—	—	51.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	11.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	28.00	—	—	1.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/09/00 - 01/15/00**Origin**

State	AZ	AR	CO	GA	IN	IA	MN	MO	NY	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	0	1,523	0	0	0	0	1,562	0	827	0	3,912
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	950	0	0	528	1,478
S. CA	1,920	966	5,047	820	1,424	18,898	6,750	3,970	860	8,200	0	750	3,080	0	52,685
TTL STATE	1,920	966	5,047	820	1,424	20,421	6,750	3,970	860	8,200	2,512	750	3,907	528	58,075

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-125	76-79	66-69	40-43	11-14

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	34-39	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	22-24	15-17

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
64.12	59.12	43.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	1/17/00	1/10/00	1/18/99
PACIFIC COAST	109	104	88
LOS ANGELES	0	0	25

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JANUARY 18,2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 1/9/00-1/15/00
30-dozen cases 3,593.4

Receipts from the mainland: 1/2/00-1/8/00
30-dozen cases 4,144

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